

NEWSLETTER

WE BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 9TH

Our summer break is almost over. Two weeks from this coming Monday, September 9th, MMC will begin rehearsals for our 20th Anniversary Season. As usual, we will be rehearsing at Pilgrim Church on S. Garey in Pomona. And, as usual, the rehearsal will begin at 7:30 P.M. and run until 10:00 P.M. In order to get your music and be ready to begin at 7:30 P.M., you are urged to arrive between 7 P.M. and 7:15 P.M. so you'll have plenty of time to get your music from our Librarian, Tom Mazur. If you know of persons who are potential members of MMC, let them know that auditions are by appointment on 9/9 and that they can arrange for an appointment by contacting Marilyn Kausen, Chair of the Recruitment Committee. Marilyn's phone number is: 626-792-3586. Her cell phone number is: 626-319-8579. Based on conversations overheard after the pre-Tour Concert on 8/11, and you know how dangerous overhearing stuff can be, a number of singers from prior years are planning to be part of our 20th Anniversary season. We also have several people who've made appointments to audition to become members of the Chorale. Should be a great season!

ECHOES FROM CANADA

Nearly 40 members of MMC toured Canada between August 13 and 20, presenting three concerts while there. Here are some random comments from four of them about their experience in Canada.

"We sang in wonderful churches, the highlight being Notre Dame Cathedral in Quebec. We had glorious sunny days for our trip which included excellent sightseeing tours of both Old Town Montreal and Quebec. . . . and we had so many excellent French meals that I'm sure we all came back 10 pounds heavier than when we left." Maggie Riehn

"We stayed in the most beautiful places including the best hotel I ever visited--the Fairmon Le Manoir Richelieu, Charlevoix, Quebec. Spectacular views of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Quebec City has to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world. . . . The group really came together and performed at a high level. . . . Our audiences seemed to pack the churches and were always so appreciative. What a joy!" Ed Ridderbusch

"As you can imagine, the tour was wonderful, as was the beauty of the locations--Montreal and Quebec City. To sing in the beautiful cathedrals was truly awe inspiring due to the quality of sound we achieved. That was the most inspirational part of the trip for me. Also, the camaraderie of the group was a benefit, as we had the opportunity to get to know the singers in the group better than before. At our farewell dinner, Monday evening, thanks to Lainie and Louise we honored Susan for all her hard work, and the countless hours she put in arranging the tour and the details. Everyone contributed and we presented her with a beautiful colorful glass lamp." Judy Carpenter

The last word goes to our "elder statesman" in the Chorale. Here is his short comment. "We walked up about a thousand steps! Other than that it was wonderful!" Larry Thorp

All of us will have the opportunity to hear more about the tour as our new season begins. What is shared above is only a small portion of the comments received from four tour participants. Their stories will undoubtedly be wonderful to hear. And, it is hoped that our hearing them will encourage each of us to consider being part of the next MMC Tour when it is organized.

CONCERNING ONE OF US

One of the members of the Chorale who was committed to being part of the tour to Canada, August 13-20, had his plans radically altered on Thursday, August 8th. Jim Ottosen, our Ticket Manager for years and years, as well as our recently elected Treasurer for our 20th Anniversary season, fell in the Glendora Library. The result of his fall was a broken femur. On Friday, August 9th, Jim had surgery to implant a rod in his femur that was secured by a screw. After a week in the hospital, he was transferred to Inter-Community Hospital in Covina where he began physical therapy using a walker. He was released to go home this past Monday. Jim will be using a walker until mid-November.

It will be different to go to rehearsals on Monday nights without seeing Jim. If you'd like to drop him a card, his address is: 2118 Canterbury Lane, Glendora, 91741. His phone number is: 626-445-4120. Get well soon, Jim. Our prayers are with you!

REMINDER TO THOSE WHO WENT ON THE TOUR TO CANADA

Diane Whitham, our Co-Librarian from last season, reminds all of the singers who went on the tour to Canada to turn in their music from the tour at the first rehearsal on Monday, September 9th. Some of the music performed on the tour was loaned to MMC and it needs to be returned to the choirs from which it was borrowed asap. So, you are urged to bring in your tour music. When it's in Diane and Chuck will be officially "retired" as our Librarians after several years of great service to the Chorale!